



Jeanine Finley grew up in the Kansas City metropolitan area. She obtained a BSc in Biology from Howard in 2005 with an interest in ecology and environmental biology. After graduation, she volunteered with the Peace Corps as an environmental extension agent in Madagascar. At the end of her Peace Corps assignment, Jeanine worked as a Program Manager with Africare in Washington D.C. Through her work with Africare, Jeanine traveled to Malawi, Tanzania, Senegal, Zambia, and Zimbabwe where she developed a career focus on sustainable management of water resources in the developing world.

Jeanine decided to pursue a MA at American University in Global Environmental Policy. During her MA program, Jeanine completed fieldwork in the Nile Basin through an internship with World Bank Office of African Water Resources Management. She also won a six-month Boren Fellowship to complete her master's thesis research which analyzed the institutional structure governing Nile Basin water resources and dams development in Uganda. As a 2013-2014 Fulbright-Clinton Fellow, Jeanine will travel to Ethiopia to work with the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy and contribute to policy development in the realm of water governance and cooperative management in East Africa. Jeanine is particularly interested in designing effective policies related to women and the management of water resources, as well as structuring institutions that promote equitable decision-making and distribution of water in developing nations.

Jeanine's reflection on her Howard experience: "When I came to Howard I had a vague idea of the type of career I wanted to pursue in the field of Biology. I knew I was very interested in environmental issues and working in the developing world, specifically Africa. However, I had no idea how I could turn my interests into a career. With the support of my HU professors in the Department of Biology, I applied for multiple summer internships and pursued an independent study research project in stream ecology. These experiences provided exactly what I needed, diverse exposure to the field of Biology in a professional setting. Extra-curricular experiences such as these gave me the opportunity to learn the value of understanding both things I enjoyed and things I didn't enjoy doing. They also allowed me to seek advice from people working in the field and gave me a much greater understanding of the steps I could take to further pursue my interests. It was through an internship that I had a chance meeting with a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer which led me to decide that I would join the US Peace Corps."

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